

relations, the national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, or the performance of the Executive's constitutional duties.

The executive branch shall construe subsections 501(d) and (e), relating to the number and activities of military personnel deployed abroad, in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
November 27, 2002.

NOTE: H.R. 4628, approved November 27, was assigned Public Law No. 107-306.

**Memorandum on a Determination  
Under the Interstate Commerce  
Commission Termination Act of 1995**  
*November 27, 2002*

*Memorandum for the Secretary of  
Transportation*

*Subject:* Determination Under the Interstate  
Commerce Commission Termination Act of  
1995

Section 6 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982, Public Law 97-261, 96 Stat. 1103, imposed a moratorium on the issuance of certificates or permits to motor carriers domiciled in, or owned or controlled by persons of, a contiguous foreign country and authorized the President to modify the moratorium. The Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), Public Law 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, maintained these restrictions, subject to modifications made prior to the enactment of the ICCTA, and empowered the President to make further modifications to the moratorium.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13902(c)(3), I modified the moratorium on June 5, 2001, to allow motor carriers domiciled in the United States that are owned or controlled by persons of Mexico to obtain operating authority to transport international cargo by truck between points in the United States and to provide bus services between points in the United States.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) established a schedule for liberalizing certain restrictions on the provision of bus and truck services by Mexican-domiciled motor carriers in the United States. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13902(c)(3), I hereby determine that the following modifications to the moratorium are consistent with obligations of the United States under NAFTA and with our national transportation policy and that the moratorium shall be modified accordingly.

First, qualified motor carriers domiciled in Mexico will be allowed to obtain operating authority to transport passengers in cross-border scheduled bus services. Second, qualified motor carriers domiciled in Mexico will be allowed to obtain operating authority to provide cross-border truck services. The moratorium on the issuance of certificates or permits to Mexican-domiciled motor carriers for the provision of truck or bus services between points in the United States will remain in place. These modifications shall be effective on the date of this memorandum.

Furthermore, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13902(c)(5), I hereby determine that expeditious action is required to implement this modification to the moratorium. Effective on the date of this memorandum, the Department of Transportation is authorized to act on applications, submitted by motor carriers domiciled in Mexico, to obtain operating authority to provide cross-border scheduled bus services and cross-border truck services. In reviewing such applications, the Department shall continue to work closely with the Department of Justice, the Office of Homeland Security, and other relevant Federal departments, agencies, and offices in order to help ensure the security of the border and to prevent potential threats to national security.

Motor carriers domiciled in Mexico operating in the United States will be subject to the same Federal and State laws, regulations, and procedures that apply to carriers domiciled in the United States. These include safety regulations, such as drug and alcohol testing requirements; insurance requirements; taxes and fees; and other applicable laws and regulations, including those administered by the United States Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization

Service, the Department of Labor, and Federal and State environmental agencies.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This Executive order was published in the *Federal Register* on December 2.

### **Videotape Remarks for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**

*November 28, 2002*

Good morning. As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember to share our blessings and make this holiday season a time for giving to those in need. By helping a neighbor, we serve our Nation, and we serve a cause greater than self-interest. Everyone can do something. And through the USA Freedom Corps, you can find ways to help at a school, a food pantry, or any other organization near you.

Macy's and NBC join me in wishing you a happy Thanksgiving, and we ask you to make this holiday the start of a season of service.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President's remarks were videotaped at 3:10 p.m. on November 12 in the Map Room at the White House for broadcast during the telecast of the November 28 parade. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 26.

### **Statement on Terrorist Attacks in Israel and Kenya**

*November 28, 2002*

I condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the terrorist attacks today at the Likud Party polling place in northern Israel and the Paradise Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, as well as the attempted attack on a civilian airliner shortly after it took off from Mombasa's international airport. I want to extend my condolences to the victims and their families, and to the governments and peoples of Israel and Kenya. Today's attacks underscore the

continuing willingness of those opposed to peace to commit horrible crimes. Those who seek peace must do everything in their power to dismantle the infrastructure of terror that makes such actions possible. The United States remains firmly committed, with its partners around the world, to the fight against terror and those who commit these heinous acts.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this statement.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **November 23**

In the morning, at the Prezidentura in Vilnius, Lithuania, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania and his wife, Alma Adamkiene. The two Presidents then had a bilateral meeting. Later, they participated in a photo opportunity and then met with Presidents Arnold Ruutel of Estonia and Vaira Vike-Freiberga of Latvia.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. Embassy personnel at the American Center. They then traveled to Bucharest, Romania, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Ion Iliescu of Romania at Cotroceni Palace. The two Presidents then had a bilateral meeting.

Later in the afternoon, the President was joined by Mrs. Bush, and they met with U.S. Embassy personnel at the Ambassador's Residence.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.